



## Rev. John Colbaugh

July 8, 1946 - July 18, 2008

COLBAUGH-Rev. John Colbaugh, age 62 of Lawrenceville, passed away Friday, July 18, 2008. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at Lawrenceville Church of God with Rev. Victor Massey, Rev. Richard Waldrop, Rev. Kevin Harris & Rev. Bennie Jones officiating. Graveside services will be held 6 PM Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at Varner Cemetery, Soddy Daisy, TN. Rev. Colbaugh is survived by his Wife: Gloria Morgan Colbaugh, Lawrenceville; Children: Melissa Crittenden, Cleveland, TN; Johnna Metz, Lawrenceville; John Colbaugh, Jr, Grayson; Father: Floyd J. Colbaugh; Mother: Margaret Colbaugh, both of Dayton, TN; Sisters: Ava McAbee, Harriman, TN; Sandra Watson, Pikeville, TN; 8 Grandchildren; Several Nieces & Nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to John Colbaugh Memorial Fund c/o Lawrenceville Church of God, 329 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, GA. 30045. The Family will receive friends from 2 - 4 & 6 - 9 PM Monday, July 21, 2008 at the Lawrenceville Church of God. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, GA, 30045. 770-962-3100. Please sign online guest registry @ [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Lawrenceville, GA

## Visitation

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## Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. John Colbaugh*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. We love you all and your family will be in our prayers. Pastor Colbaugh married us, was their when we had our son David, dedicated him, and was their for so many important events in our lives as well as Gloria. His smiling face will be a wonderful sight as well as other loved ones when we go to our heavenly home one day.##imported-begin##Rob and Kim Johnson##imported-end##*

July 24, 2008 at 10:39 PM



“ *Gloria, Melissa, Johnna & John Jr,  
Our payers are with you & all your Family. He was a wonderful, compassionate man of God and will be greatly missed. He left a legacy of love.  
May God comfort you all.##imported-begin##Dianne & Al Butler##imported-end##*

July 24, 2008 at 10:33 PM



“ *Lisa and I, and our son DJ, attend Lawreneville Church of God for many years. Pastor Colbaugh was a man of God, and he had a lovely family. We send our condolences to Gloria and the rest of the family, and we look forward to seeing Pastor Colbaugh one day again when we are in heaven.##imported-begin##Dwight and Lisa Larkins##imported-end##*

July 24, 2008 at 05:39 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of this great man of God. However, we will be praying for you all for the strength of our Lord Jesus Christ in this time of sorrow Brandon and Melinda Gates (Graysville Church of God)##imported-begin##Brandon M. Gates##imported-end##

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July 23, 2008 at 09:59 PM



“ You were a great role model for me growing up and I will always remember you as a man who loved life and always had a smile to share that was contagious beyond belief. I will always love and miss you.##imported-begin##Beverly Harrington (Crawford)##imported-end##

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July 23, 2008 at 05:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are going out to the Colbaugh family. Memories of John working in Tennessee COG Youth Camps makes us smile. We had some great times together. May God comfort and sustain you as only He can.##imported-begin##Rev. & Mrs. Fred S. Cook##imported-end##

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July 23, 2008 at 04:13 PM



“ There are so many memories I recall growing up at Monroe Church of God, but the one thing that has always stood out was Brother John's humor and love and dedication to his congregation. Your family still means the world to me and at times like this it's sometimes hard to find the words to say, but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Michelle Smith Wilson and family###imported-begin##Michelle Smith Wilson and Family###imported-end##*

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July 23, 2008 at 10:45 AM



“ Pastor touched many lives. When I had surgery in Athens, Ga., he sat with my lovely wife, Reta, at Saint Mary's until I came out of recovery. I remember him telling me I looked 'cute' in the hospital hairnet. Pastor also came to St Joe's, sat and prayed and encouraged me while my wife was having open-heart surgery. I know he had a very busy schedule and many responsibilities but Pastor made you feel like you and your situation was his most important concern. How I loved and respected that man. I will miss his teaching, his great sense of humor and his love.  
*Ben York###imported-begin##Ben York###imported-end##*

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July 22, 2008 at 06:02 PM



“ Sis. Colbaugh and family,  
May you find comfort during this time of grief in the lovely arms of  
Jesus. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have many  
wonderful memories of Bro. Colbaugh, and we miss him.  
Love and Prayers,##imported-begin##Bob and Kathryn  
Muncy##imported-end##

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July 22, 2008 at 04:46 PM



“ To my dear friend Ashley Colbaugh. I pray you know how sad I am  
to hear about your father in law John Colbaugh. My heart truly  
aches for you and your family. Please know I am praying for you  
during this time. We love you so much...Derek, Carla, and Chase  
Lindsey.##imported-begin##Carla Lindsey##imported-end##

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July 22, 2008 at 05:43 AM



“ LOVE YOU TO PIECES PASTOR!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##Tina K  
Williams##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 10:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Colbaugh family. Bro.  
Colbaugh was a great man of God.##imported-begin##Alton and  
Donna Cone##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 09:20 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during your time of grief. Pastor Colbaugh was the greatest example to all who knew him. He will be missed by all. Our prayer is for the empty lonley days that are ahead to quickly be filled with the loving memories of a life well lived before humanity and God.##imported-begin##Rev. Spencer Selph##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 08:44 PM



“ This world has lost a great man, the church a great pastor and all that know him a wonderful friend. His love and inspiration I shall never forget. To his family I offer my deepest condolences.##imported-begin##David Vandeford##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 06:22 PM



“ God bless ya'll in this time of mourning. We were blessed to know him. We will miss his smile and always warm welcome when we saw Reverend Colbaugh. We know he is enjoying his sweet reward with the Father. God Bless Your Family!!##imported-begin##Eric and Linda Godfrey##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ Gloria,  
I am truly sorry for your loss .Always lean on God to get you through this time. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Wanda Calhoun##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ Gloria, Just to say we love you and you and your family is in our prayers. May God put His arms around you and keep you in is tender grace and love. Words can never say what is in our hearts, our lost is heaven gain for sure. Paator Colbaugh has touched the hearts of the Tullis family in so many ways. If Kay and I can do anything for you just let us know. Fay and Kay Tullis##imported-begin##FAY AND KAY TULLIS##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 02:56 PM



“ We loved John and will miss him. I know he is happy now with all his friends that have gone before him. Our prayers have and will be with you.##imported-begin##David and Brenda Burch##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 01:06 PM



“ Sister Gloria and family: Marcia and I wanted to extend our sympathy to you. Bro Colbaugh was an inspirational force of faith. He was a pastor that truly lived what he preached and you could tell that he was a devoted husband, father and friend. Heaven's gain is our loss, but the memories will last a lifetime. You all will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Robert and Marcia Williams##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 01:03 PM



“ Gloria and Family,  
It was with sadness when we learned of Pastor Colbaugh's passing. He has touched so many lives in the Lawrenceville Community. He will be missed! We pray God's amazing grace to be with you and your family during this very hard time.##imported-begin##Sylvia and Donald Barrett##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 12:26 PM



“ Gloria and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Bro. Colbaugh has always been in our hearts. Tim would not have been saved without him leading him to the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tim, Tracey, Zach & Brittany Stotler##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 11:26 AM



“ Love you, Gloria. Peggy Jo##imported-begin##Peggy Jo Harvey##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 10:57 AM



“ Gloria, children and grands, We love you so much. Though nothing can alleviate the pain, please know we would if we could. Pastor is such a large part of why our family chose LCOG. From the first day we attended, his humble servant's spirit was so evident. Two things in particular that he taught will be with me always. The first concerned marriage. If we were issued one vehicle and we'd never be able to get another, how would we take care of it? He truly made us believe he treasured his marriage and inspired us to do the same. The second concerned death. When he officiated at my husband's funeral he said Lewis had not gone away. His "land rover" had broken down, but he was very much alive in the presence of God. We are so proud of and grateful for the life he lived and legacy he fashioned. May the seed he sewed bring forth fruit in us 100 fold. Gloria Spencer, Benjamin and Melody.##imported-begin##Gloria Spencer##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ Remembering a great man of God. Our love and prayers are with this precious family.

Darryl & Ann Crawford  
Life Fellowship Church  
Hurst, TX##imported-begin##Darryl and Ann Crawford##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 10:29 AM



“ Dear Sister Colbaugh and family, Eunice and I wish to send our love and prayers during this time of great loss. Brother Colbaugh has been such a blessing to us and our family. We can only know that he is rejoicing in the splendors of heaven seeing Jesus, whom he loved so greatly, face to face. May the grace and mercy of God sustain you now and until you are reunited.##imported-begin##Eunice and Clifford Edwards##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 09:42 AM



“ With deepest sympathy and love to Pastor's family.....I love my Pastor and will miss him so very much. May he rest in the loving arms of Jesus and receive the great reward of a job very well done. My love and prayers,  
Pat##imported-begin##Pat Shepherd##imported-end##

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July 21, 2008 at 01:37 AM



“ John, God bless you and your family and be with you in this time of grief. I know you all are blessed to know that he has gone to be with the Lord and is rejoicing in glory today.

Love you,

Mark and Lisa King and family##imported-begin##Mark, Lisa,  
Andrew, Jacob and Michaela King##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 10:48 PM



“ *Brother John Colbaugh was such man of humility and prayer. He set a high standard for those of us who admire him so well. Our prayers are with the family and church family. God's grace is sufficient to bring comfort during this time.##imported-begin##Pastor David & Kim Smith##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 10:30 PM



“ *Dear Gloria and Family:  
We have all suffered a great loss. We want you to know how much we loved Bro. John and how much he meant to us. You and your family are special to us also. If there is anything at all that we can do, please don't hesitate to call. We wanted to visit so many times, but respected your need of taking care of Bro. John and, of course, during your time of grieving. We are keeping you in our prayers and thoughts. May God comfort you in the way no one can.  
:Love,  
JoAnn and Howard Norfolk##imported-begin##JoAnn and Howard Norfolk##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 10:07 PM



“ Sis. Gloria, Melissa, Johnna, and John, Jr.,

*What can I say about a man who has been such an influence on my spiritual life, from the age of 7 until 44—no words can do justice. Even though you'll moved from Monroe, he still continued to give advice, assurances and just talk whenever I needed.*

*Tim & I will never forget the unselfish gesture of his coming back to Monroe to perform our wedding ceremony. He was truly loved and will truly be missed. We are praying for you'll.##imported-begin##Tim & Lisa (Greer) Sitko & T J##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 09:54 PM



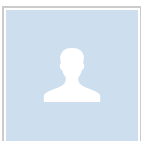
“ Our hearts are heavy. We will miss him dearly. When we were at our lowest, he was always there.

*Gloria and family, our prayers are with you.*

*Tom and Charlene Clark##imported-begin##Thomas and Charlene Clark##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 09:41 PM



“ My sister reminded me that he visited our mother when she had cancer and was in the hospital. This was in the mid 70's when he was assistant pastor at N. Chatt. We appreciated it more than he knew.

*I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Pat Hewitt##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ To Sister Gloria and the entire Colbaugh family: May God continue to give you peace. We loved our Pastor and will truly miss him. Under his leadership, and ministry our lives have been truly transformed and will never be the same. We thank you all for embracing our family and showing the love of God. We love you all very much and will continue praying for you. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Smith Family##imported-begin##Arthur and Latonya Smith - Grayson, GA##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ John Colbaugh Family:  
Our hearts are saddened by the loss of this Great Man of God and Preacher of the Gospel; your Husband, Father, Grand Father, Son , and Pastor.

You are the object of Prayer and Faith that God will meet every need you sense. God Bless you, one and all.##imported-begin##Carl and Elva Hart##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 08:26 PM



“ To the wonderful Colbaugh family,  
I wish so badly that we can be there in this time of loss. I am actually coming home from Alaska on July 25th, but I could not get my ticket changed to try and make it to the services. I am so sorry for the loss of such an amazing friend of mine and such a God speaking pastor. Pastor Colbaugh will always be remembered especially in officiating our wedding. Sister Gloria, I have an awesome video from the wedding and so many incredible pictures. Also, I have wonderful memories of Tyler and myself completing our last 2 hours of marriage counseling. It took us 2 years to complete the 6 hours because of living out of town, but Pastor always knew that it would get done. He was so excited that we were going to be able to experience such an amazing place like Alaska. We love Pastor with all of our hearts and will miss him dearly. I love you all and wish I could be there. If you need anything at all, I know I am living in Alaska but, please feel free to e-mail or call me. You all are in our thoughts and prayers daily. Love yall###imported-begin###Amber and Tyler Gauthier###imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 08:16 PM



“ Our prayers are with you, Sis. Gloria, and family. We love you dearly and love Pastor Colbaugh so much. His life and testimony speaks for itself. Out of all the people he touched - he always went out of his way to make you feel so important - so special. It meant so much to our family for Pastor to perform the ceremony for Amber and Tyler's wedding, especially since it was on his 60th birthday - but still willing to do it!! We'll never forget Pastor and will always remember your family in our prayers. We love you dearly!! God bless and comfort you and give you peace and His grace is sufficient. Dale, Pat and Eric Massingill###imported-begin###Dale and Pat Massingill###imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 07:54 PM



“ The Colbaugh family sorry for your loss and we are praying for you.##imported-begin##Sandra and Brenda Morgan,Bernice Nichols##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 07:15 PM



“ Dearest Gloria and children. I have loved you all for the twelve years you shared Bro Colbaugh with me. My heart is heavy, as He will be missed tremendously. He was a man of love and compassion and I have never known anyone that kept the Faith about their healing, like He did. It made me a better person, just to have known him. God will wrap his arms around you and give you the comfort you need. God bless you all...##imported-begin##Julie Driggers##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 06:40 PM



“ So sorry for your great loss. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you as they have been over the past few days.##imported-begin##Rev. Bevon J Smith##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 06:34 PM



“ Dear Colbaugh Family: My heart goes out to you and your extended family during this difficult time. I am sure there is great rejoicing in heaven with so many of the dedicated ministers who have recently gone home to their reward. The blessed hope we have is that someday soon we will join them. Heaven is certainly sweeter and we look forward to joining our loved ones soon. You will continue to be in my prayers. God Bless##imported-begin##Yvonne Chelette##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 05:25 PM



“ We are praying for the family at this time of Brother Colbough's homegoing. We have admired and loved the entire family ever since we first met when we were pastoring Gloria's home church in Soddy, TN. This family is a great family. We admire John and Gloria's ministry and their deep love for God and His people.##imported-begin##Rev. Neigel and Peggy Scarborough##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 04:31 PM



“ Our love and prayers are with the Colbaugh family at this time of loss. We also pray for a wonderful church family the Lawrenceville Church of God who have lost a loving shepherd.##imported-begin##Pastors Curtis & Alice Akers ##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 04:12 PM



“ Sunday 12/20 Gloria and Family,  
I know you were blessed this morning as so many were. I entered the church with a cloud over me and left with a smile. Many tears have been shed and many prayers have been prayed. We are with you at this hard time and will miss John more than you can know. May God bless and strengthen you. What an amazing legacy John has left. You are truly an amazing family and we love you all so much. With joy and tears, Melody and David##imported-begin##Melody and David Rucker##imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 03:45 PM



“ We know there is nothing we can say that hasn't already been said many times But permit us to say them again. We loved Bro. John like he was part of our family. He was truly a pastor from his very heart. It was a priviledge to be part of his "flock" for 10 or 12 years. The family of God has surely lost a soldier of the cross. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you ( Gloria, Melissa, Johnna, and John, Jr.) in the weeks and months tocome. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit be your strengthand help when the days grow dark and the night get long. Your friends from Monroe Durwood and Thelma Waldrop###imported-begin##Durwood and Thelma Waldrop###imported-end##

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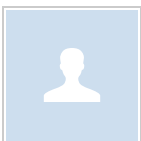
July 20, 2008 at 03:04 PM



“ Greetings to the family of Pastor Colbaugh. The Apostle Paul said it well when he said, "I have fought a good fight, finished my course, so there is a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give." May Pastor rest from his labors and may God give peace and encouragement to all of the family.  
Kevin and Barbara Grissom, Marco Island, FL.###imported-begin##Kevin and Barbara Grissom###imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 02:20 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I am so glad I was able to attend the 75th anniversary last Fall and have some time with John. I have no doubt that God's Grace has been sufficient during this time.###imported-begin##Jim and Rachel Talley###imported-end##

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July 20, 2008 at 02:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you##imported-begin##Esther Haney##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 01:34 PM



“ *Gloria, Melissa, Johnna, & John Jr.  
Your dads leadership is an inspiration to me. I have always enjoyed his ministry, and he will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Thank you Johnna and John Jr. for your friendships.##imported-begin##Matt Smollar##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 01:16 PM



“ Dear Gloria, Melissa, Johnna and John, Jr.

*Vickie and I are saddened by the loss of our friend and pastor (Monroe, LA.) in our presence, but are sure there is a welcome for him into the presence of the LORD.*

*John was such a part of us still bring us as a couple, because he taught us through the scripture and example to have faith in God. It doesn't seem like it should be over 22 years since we moved to McComb, MS, but it has and there is hardly a week that goes by that John's name is not spoken concerning something he taught us. Gloria you were also a part in our life, because as a pastors wife you allowed John to minister and help us. John truly with your help held our bicycle up until we learned to ride and as he said "held us together until the glue dried"*

*Our children are also still affected by John's teaching. Bill < Dan And Mickey have all called us to share stories about John (really your whole family was part also).*

*We could write pages , but the memories in our heart. John is truly one of the "Giants" to us and our family.*

*Love ,*

*Wille, Vickie, and Sons.##imported-begin##Willie and Vickie Webb##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ *We will never have a better, loving friend than John Colbaugh. Thank you, Gloria and Family for sharing him with us. We are grieved but yet rejoicing that he is at "the better place". Our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Betty and Ray Knight and Family##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 08:27 AM



“ Gloria, Melissa, Johnna, and John Jr and extended family,

*I extend my love and prayers in your lost. When I heard the news...my heart was heavy for each of you. Then in my mind I could see heaven rejoicing as Rev. John Colbaugh enter into the presents of our Lord...I can see Sonny and John at the Supper Table of God. I will never forget Pastor John and each of you....my life was touched with the love of God showing in each of you. I thank God that Pastor John was able to share in Sonny's funeral services and this will remain with me forever.*

*In my deepest sympathy and praised to our Lord for this precious soul, Rev. John Colbaugh.*

*Always,  
Attie Day*

*Monroe, LA##imported-begin##Attie Kay Day##imported-end##*

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July 19, 2008 at 08:28 PM



“ Pat and I send our sincere thoughts and prayers to you Gloria and your family. John was a very kind hearted christian family man and a great pastor in our church. These are times we don't always understand the workings of God, but He is faithful and will give us strength to go on. God Bless you and family. You are Loved. Tom and Pat Grissom, Fort Myers, FL##imported-begin##Tom and Pat Grissom##imported-end##

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July 19, 2008 at 06:34 PM



“ We will all miss this wonderful man. I was lucky to get to see this man preach. Pastor Colbaugh also did such a wonderful job at my own father's funeral just over a year ago. Thank you so much for your kind words during our time of need. I pray your family has someone in their time of need as well. Pastor Colbaugh will be loved and remembered, God bless##imported-begin##Curtis Vandeford##imported-end##

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July 19, 2008 at 06:05 PM



“ To the family of Rev. Colbaugh,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rev. Colbaugh was a genuine christian man.  
Your friend,  
Mark Grissom  
Cleveland, Tennessee##imported-begin##Mark Grissom##imported-end##

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July 19, 2008 at 12:39 PM



“ Gloria and family,  
  
I am so sorry for your loss. Pastor Colbaugh was a great man and a wonderful pastor. I loved him and admired him. We will all miss him. I pray that God will keep you close and comfort you all. All of you are in my prayers daily.  
With Love in Christ,  
Becky##imported-begin##Becky Schmutzer##imported-end##

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July 19, 2008 at 11:12 AM



“ I love you all and pray daily for you. I love Pastor Colbaugh and will miss his tender care and compassion. I pray God keep you in perfect peace and comfort you.##imported-begin##Mary Pirani##imported-end##

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July 18, 2008 at 10:49 PM



“ Dear Gloria,

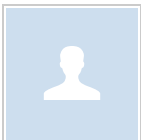
John and I are praying for you, the children and the grandchildren. During the years you and John pastored in Monroe, Louisiana, (first as our youth pastor, and then as pastor )we learned to love you and Pastor Colbaugh. .

We will never forget the daily visits he made to the hospital to visit our daughter Lisa the month following her accident at the age of 9.

The John Greer family##imported-begin##John and Jean Greer##imported-end##

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July 18, 2008 at 10:25 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. John was a good friend to the Tullis families. He will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Quinton and Charlotte Tullis##imported-end##

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July 18, 2008 at 08:47 PM



“ Gloria:

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that you will lean on God's strength during this time and may his presence comfort you today and in the days ahead.*

*Your friend,*

*Sheryl Barnes##imported-begin##Sheryl Barnes##imported-end##*

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July 18, 2008 at 07:44 PM